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SUBJECT: 25TH UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL: AGENDA ITEM 17:
SWEDISH FUNDING PROPOSAL

REF: (A) STATE 152536; (B) GENEVA 1059; (C) GENEVA 1078

1. SWEDISH INITIATIVE FIZZLED DURING COURSE OF PAST WEEK
PRIMARILY BECAUSE THEY TRIED TO DO TOO MUCH AT ONCE AND
BECAUSE THEY CIRCULATED THEIR CONFERENCE ROOM PAPER WITH-
OUT PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH DONOR DELEGATIONS AND IN
FACT HAD NOT CLEARED THEIR PROPOSALS WITH OTHER NORDIC
DELEGATIONS. WE UNDERSTAND THERE WAS EVEN A SPLIT
WITHIN THE SWEDISH DELEGATION ITSELF.

2. IN ONE 2-PAGE DOCUMENT SWEDES TRIED TO:

1. TOTALLY REVISE UNDP'S PRESENT PLEDGING SCHEDULE
AND PROCEDURES;
2. INSTITUTIONALIZE GOVERNMENTAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO
UNDP THROUGH 3-YEAR PLEDGES;
3. ESTABLISH FORMAL INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS
OUTLINING THE FINANCIAL SHARE WHICH EACH DONOR

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GOVERNMENT SHOULD ASSUME IN MAKING ITS "VOLUNTARY"
CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNDP.

3. AFTER FORMAL DEBATE IN BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
(REF C) COMMITTEE SPENT SOME SIX HOURS IN INFORMAL
DISCUSSIONS OF SWEDISH PROPOSALS. SWEDES ENDED UP TOTALLY
ISOLATED AND THEIR EFFORTS TO SALVAGE SOME PARTS OF THEIR

INITIATIVE WAS EVEN UNSUCCESSFUL.

4. TEXT AS AGREED IN BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE BEARS NO RELATIONSHIP TO TEXT CONTAINED REF B AND NOW READS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT: 11. APPEALS TO ALL GOVERNMENTS TO INCREASE THEIR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS WITH A VIEW TO ACHIEVING THE OVERALL GROWTH RATE RECOMMENDED FOR THE SECOND CYCLE AND BEARING IN MIND THE NEED FOR A BETTER AND WIDER DISTRIBUTION IN PROVIDING RESOURCES FOR THE PROGRAMME,

12. INVITE ALL GOVERNMENTS IN A POSITION TO DO SO TO CONSIDER INDICATING THEIR LIKELY VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR A MULTI-YEAR PERIOD,

13. INVITE THE ADMINISTRATOR TO CONTINUE CONSULTATIONS ON WAYS OF ACHIEVING A LONG-TERM FINANCING FOR UNDP,

14. FURTHER INVITE THE ADMINISTRATOR TO CIRCULATE, WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE PLEDGING CONFERENCE, A DOCUMENT INDICATING:

(A) THE TOTAL VOLUME OF CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR WITH A VIEW TO ACHIEVING THE AGREED FIVE-YEAR TARGET FOR OVERALL RESOURCES
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FOR THE SECOND CYCLE,

(B) FORECAST EXPENDITURES WITHIN THE CEILING OF AVAILABLE RESOURCES AND THE TOTAL OF EXPECTED CONTRIBUTIONS AND OTHER INCOME FOR THAT YEAR,

15. REQUEST THE ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE FOR THE TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL A CONCISE REPORT ON THE FEASIBILITY OF AND POSSIBLE PROCEDURES AND MODELS FOR ACHIEVING A MORE SECURE FINANCIAL BASE FOR THE UNDP, INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF MULTI-YEAR FINANCING OF UNDP, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE WRITTEN AND ORAL VIEWS EXPRESSED IN THE COUNCIL AND THE RESULTS OF THE NEXT PLEDGING CONFERENCE.
END TEXT. VANDEN HEUVEL

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